

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a number of Chinese delegations visited and are scheduled to visit India, for study in trade, industry, agriculture and other fields;
- (b) if so, the details of Chinese Study teams which visited this year;
- (c) whether any reciprocatory teams have been and are being sponsored by the Union Government to visit China to secure Chinese co-operation in different fields; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI U.V.KRISHNAM RAJU)

(a): Yes, Sir

(b): The following delegations have visited India this year-

A delegation led by Mr. Liu Chengguo, Chinese Vice-Minister for Agriculture visited India from February 6-12, 2001 to make a comparative study of poverty alleviation programmes in India and China.

A Chinese delegation from Sichuan Province led by Party Secretary, Mr. Zhou Yongkang visited India from February 27-March 2, 2001 to explore opportunities for economic co-operation.

A Chinese delegation from Hebei Province led by Vice-Governor, Mr. He Shaocun visited India from April 9-14, 2001 to explore opportunities for economic co-operation.

(c) & (d): India and China have set up a number of mechanisms to expand bilateral relations in diverse fields. These include the India-China Joint Economic Group (JEG), India-China Sub-Committee on Science & Technology under JEG, Cultural Exchange Programme, Working Groups on coal and steel, institutional exchanges between FICCI and China Council for Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT) and between Federation of Indian Export Organisation (FIEO) and CCPIT.